

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for network-based information management, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
 - (b) retrieving the information associated with the markers;
 - (c) displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
 - (d) allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
 - (e) allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access [[a]] the second habitat for retrieving the requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat.
2. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second habitat retrieves information from the first habitat.
3. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the first habitat selects portions of the retrieved information for display based on user-input.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as recited in claim [[2]] 1, wherein a user viewing the first habitat connects directly to can jump directly to the second habitat for retrieving the viewing information from in the second habitat.

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5. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat sends out a request for desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves the desired information from at least one of the habitats responding to the request.
6. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat is in communication with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats is formed.
7. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein an application communicates with the first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
8. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat interacts with an application for performing tasks.
9. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the habitats has an assigned address.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program product for network-based information management, comprising:
- (a) computer code for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
 - (b) computer code for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
 - (c) computer code for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
 - (d) computer code for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
 - (e) computer code for allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access [[a]] the second habitat for retrieving the

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requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat.

11. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the second habitat retrieves information from the first habitat.
12. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat selects portions of the retrieved information for display based on user-input.
13. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat connects directly to the second habitat for retrieving the information from the second habitat.
14. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat sends out a request for desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves the desired information from at least one of the habitats responding to the request.
15. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat is in communication with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats is formed.
16. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein an application communicates with the first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
17. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat interacts with an application for performing tasks.

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18. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein each of the habitats has an assigned address.
19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for network-based information management, comprising:
- (a) logic for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
 - (b) logic for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
 - (c) logic for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
 - (d) logic for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
 - (e) logic for allowing the first habitat to send a request to several habitats for desired information and access [[a]] one or more of the ~~second habitat~~ habitats responding to the request for retrieving the requested information from the ~~second habitat~~ responding to the request, the habitat responding to the request sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat;
 - (f) wherein a user viewing the first habitat can jump directly to the second habitat for viewing information in the second habitat.

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